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Abstract. In a Pseudo-Completed Almost Distributive Fuzzy Lattice (PCADFL), the concept of Boolean filters is presented, and certain features of these filters are developed. Necessary and sufficient conditions of a proper filter to become a prime filter in PCADFL are defined. Also studied about fuzzy lattice homomorphism of Boolean filters in PCADFL. Finally, in terms of fuzzy congruences, a Boolean filter is characterized.

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1. Introduction

The general development of lattice theory started by G. Birkhoff [1]. The theory of pseudo-complements in lattices, and particularly in distributive lattices was developed by George Gratzer [2] and O. Frink [13]. With this motivation, U.M. Swamy, G.C. Rao, G.N. Rao [6] introduced the concept of pseudo-complementation on an ADL. They observed that unlike in a distributive lattice, an ADL can have more than one pseudo-complementation. On the other hand, L.A. Zadeh [11] introduced Fuzzy sets to describe vagueness mathematically in its very abstractness and tried to solve such problems by assigning to each possible individual in the universe of discourse a value representing its grade of membership in the fuzzy set. A Fuzzy lattice as a fuzzy algebra and characterized as fuzzy sublattices in [15]. SG. Karpagavalli and A. Nasreen Sultana [9] introduced Pseudo-Complementation on Almost Distributive Fuzzy Lattices (PCADFL) and proved that it is equationally definable on ADFL by using properties of pseudo-complementation on almost distributive lattice using the fuzzy partial order relation and fuzzy lattice defined by I. Chon [12]. A. Berhanu and T. Bekalu [5] introduced ideals and filters of an ADFL analogues to the crisp concept, and the smallest ideal

and the smallest filter containing a non-empty subset of R of an ADFL. In [8], M. Sambasiva Rao and K.P. Shum introduced Boolean filters in Pseudo-complemented distributive lattices and proved their properties.

The aim of this paper is to extend the concept of Boolean filters to a Pseudocomplemented ADL into PCADFL and some of the properties of these Boolean filters are derived. The class of all Boolean filters in PCADFL are characterized. A set of equivalent conditions are also derived for every PCADFL to become a Boolean algebra. Finally, the Boolean filters are characterized in terms of fuzzy congruences.

2. Preliminaries

Definition 2.1. [4] Let $(R, \lor, \land, 0)$ be an algebra of type (2, 2, 0) and we call (R, A) is an Almost Distributive Fuzzy Lattice (ADFL) if the following condition satisfied:

 $(1) A(a, a \lor 0) = A(a \lor 0, a) = 1$ $(2) A(0, 0 \land a) = A(0 \land a, 0) = 1$ $(3) A((a \lor b) \land c, (a \land c) \lor (b \land c)) = A((a \land c) \lor (b \land c), (a \lor b) \land c) = 1$ $(4) A(a \land (b \lor c), (a \land b) \lor (a \land c)) = A((a \land b) \lor (a \land c), a \land (b \lor c)) = 1$ $(5) A(a \lor (b \land c), (a \lor b) \land (a \lor c)) = A((a \lor b) \land (a \lor c), a \lor (b \land c)) = 1$ $(6) A((a \lor b) \land b, b) = A(b, (a \lor b) \land b) = 1, \text{ for all } a, b, c \in R.$

Definition 2.2. [4] Let (R, A) be an ADFL. Then for any $a, b \in R$, $a \le b$ if and only if A(a, b) > 0.

Definition 2.3. [2] A proper filter *P* of a lattice *L* is called a prime filter if $x \lor y \in P$ implies $x \in P$ or $y \in P$ for all $x, y \in L$. A proper filter *M* of *L* is called maximal if there exists no proper filter *Q* such that $M \subset Q$. In distributive lattice every maximal filter is a prime filter but not the converse.

Theorem 2.4. [2] Let *L* be a distributive lattice and $x, y \in L$ such that $x \neq y$. Then there exists a prime filter *P* such that $x \in P$ and $y \notin P$.

Definition 2.5. [3] An equivalence relation θ on an ADL *L* is called a congruence relation on *L* if $(a \land c, b \land d), (a \lor c, b \lor d) \in \theta$, for all $(a, b), (c, d) \in \theta$.

Theorem 2.6. [3] An equivalence relation θ on an ADL *L* is a congruence relation if and only if for any $(a, b) \in \theta$, $x \in L$, $(a \lor x, b \lor x)$, $(x \lor a, x \lor b)$, $(a \land x, b \land x)$, $(x \land a, x \land b)$ are all in θ .

Definition 2.7. [9] Let $(R, \lor, \land, 0)$ be an algebra of type (2, 2, 0) and (R, A) be a fuzzy poset. A unary operation $a \rightarrow a^*$ on R. Then (R, A) is called a Pseudo-Complementation on Almost Distributive Fuzzy Lattice (PCADFL), if the following conditions are satisfied:

- (1) $A(1, a \lor b) = A(a \lor b, 1) = 1$
- (2) $A(0, a \land b) = A(a \land b, 0) = 1$
- (3) $A(a \land a^*, 0) = A(0, a \land a^*) = 1$
- (4) $A(a^* \land b, b) = A(b, a^* \land b) = 1$
- (5) $A((a \lor b)^*, (a^* \land b^*)) = A((a^* \land b^*), (a \lor b)^*) = 1$
- (6) $A((a^*)^*, a) = A(a, (a^*)^*) = 1$, for all $a, b \in R$.

Definition 2.8. [5] Let L be an ADFL and F be any non empty subset of R. Then F is said to be filters of an ADFL L, if it satisfies the following axioms:

(1) $a, b \in F$ implies that $a \wedge b \in F$, (2) $a \in F$, $b \in R$ implies that $b \vee a \in F$.

Definition 2.9. [2] An element x of a pseudo-complemented lattice L is called dense if $x^* = 0$ and the set D(L) of all dense element of L forms a filter of L.

Definition 2.10. [7] An ADL *L* with 0 is called relatively complemented if each interval $[a, b], a \le b$, in L is a complemented lattice.

Theorem 2.11. [7] Let L be an ADL with 0. Then L is relatively complemented if and only if every prime filter of L is maximal.

3. Boolean filters in PCADFLs

In this section, the definition of Boolean filters in Pseudo-Complemented Almost Distributive Fuzzy Lattice (PCADFL) is defined and some basic properties are proved.

Definition 3.1. Let (R, A) be a PCADFL, then for any filter \mathcal{F} is said to be Boolean filter of a PCADFL R, if $a^* \in \mathcal{F}$, $a \in R$ implies that $a \lor a^* \in \mathcal{F}$. $A(a \lor a^*, a) > 0$

Example 3.2. Let $R = \{0, a, b, c\}$ and define two binary operations \lor and \land in R as follows:

V	0	а	b	С
0	0	а	b	С
а	а	а	а	а
b	b	b	b	b
С	С	а	b	С

Cayley's table-1

!	۸	0	а	b	С
	0	0	0	0	0
l	а	0	а	b	С
,	b	0	а	b	С
!	С	0	С	С	С

Cayley's table-2

Define a fuzzy relation in PCADFL as $A: R \times R \rightarrow [0, 1]$ and $a^* = 0$ for all $a \neq 0$ and $0^* = x$. Clearly from cayley's table 1 & 2, (R, A) is a fuzzy poset. Then (R, A) is an

ADFL and * is a pseudo-complementation on *R*. Take a filter $\mathcal{F} = \{a, b, c\}$, clearly which is a Boolean filter of PCADFL of *R*. A filter $\mathcal{F}_1 = \{a, b\}$, which is not a Boolean filter of PCADFL *R* because $A(c \lor c^*, c) > 0$ as $c \lor c^* = c \notin \mathcal{F}_1$.

Lemma 3.3. Let (R, A) be a PCADFL. Then \mathcal{D} is the smallest Boolean filter of R.

Proof. In general, \mathcal{D} is a Boolean filter of R. Suppose that \mathcal{B} is any Boolean filter of R. We prove that $A(\mathcal{D},\mathcal{B}) > 0$. Let $a \in \mathcal{D}$ and $a^* = 0$. Since \mathcal{B} is a Boolean filter of R, we get $a \lor a^* = \mathcal{B}$. Clearly, $a \lor a^* \in \mathcal{B}$. Such that $A(a \lor a^*, a) = A(a \lor 0, a) = A(a, a) > 0$. Therefore $a \in \mathcal{B}$. Hence \mathcal{D} is the smallest Boolean filter of R.

Theorem 3.4. Let (*R*, *A*) be a PCADFL. Every maximal filter of *R* is a Boolean filter.

Proof. Suppose that (R, A) be a PCADFL and $a \in R$. Let M be a maximal filter of R. We prove that $a \lor a^* \in M$. Assume $a \lor a^* \notin M$ for any $a \in R$. Then $M \lor [a \lor a^*) = R$, which implies $x \land y = 0$ for any $x \in M$ and $y \in [a \lor a^*)$ such that

$$A(x \land y, 0) = A(x \land (a \lor a^*), 0)$$

= $A((x \land a) \lor (x \land a^*), 0)$
= $A(0 \lor (x \land a^*), 0)$
= $A((0 \lor 0), 0)$
= $A(0,0) = 1 > 0.$

Since $x \wedge a = 0$ and $x \wedge a^* = 0$. Then for any $a \in R$ and $x \in M$, $x \leq a^*$ if and only if $A(x, a^{**}) > 0$. Therefore $x \leq a^* \wedge a^{**}$ if and only if $A(x, a^* \wedge a^{**}) > 0$ by anti-symmetry property of *A*. Hence $0 \in M$, which is a contradiction to proper filter *M*. Such that $a \vee a^* \in M$ for all $a \in R$. Therefore *M* is a Boolean filter of *R*.

Lemma 3.5. Every prime filter is a Boolean filter of PCADFL in a relatively complemented almost distributive fuzzy lattice.

Theorem 3.6. Let (R, A) be a PCADFL. Every proper filter of a PCADFL which contains either *a* or a^* for all $a \in R$ is a Boolean filter of *R*.

Proof. Suppose \mathcal{F} be a proper filter of R. Assuming the given condition either $a \in \mathcal{F}$ or $a^* \in \mathcal{F}$. We prove that \mathcal{F} is maximal. Let G is a proper filter of R such that $\mathcal{F} \subsetneq G$. Suppose $x \in G - \mathcal{F}$. Since $x \in G$ and $x^* \in G$. Therefore, we get $x \land x^* \in G$ hence $A(x \land x^*, 0) > 0$ and $A(0, x \land x^*) > 0$ so that $x \land x^* = 0$. Such that $0 \in G$, which is a contradiction. Hence \mathcal{F} is a maximal filter. Thus, by theorem 3.4, \mathcal{F} is a Boolean filter.

Example 3.7. Let $R = \{0, p, q, r, s, 1\}$ be a PCADFL whose Hasse diagram is given in the following figure 1.

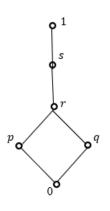


Figure 1: Hasse diagram of the PCADFL $R = \{0, p, q, r, s, 1\}$.

Consider the fuzzy lattice filters of $\mathcal{F}_1 = \{p, r, s, 1\}$; $\mathcal{F}_2 = \{q, r, s, 1\}$; $\mathcal{F}_3 = \{r, s, 1\}$; $\mathcal{F}_4 = \{s, 1\}$; and $\mathcal{F}_5 = \{1\}$. Then clearly \mathcal{F}_1 , \mathcal{F}_2 and \mathcal{F}_3 are Boolean filters of PCADFL where as \mathcal{F}_4 and \mathcal{F}_5 are not Boolean, because of $A(p \lor p^*, r) = A(r, p \lor p^*) = 1$ and $A(p \lor q, r) > 0$ by anti-symmetry property of A. Therefore $r \notin \mathcal{F}_4 \cup \mathcal{F}_5$.

Theorem 3.8. Let (R, A) be a PCADFL and \mathcal{F} be a proper filter of a PCADFL if and only if the following conditions are equivalent.

- (1) \mathcal{F} is maximal.
- (2) $a \notin \mathcal{F}$ that implies $a^* \in \mathcal{F}$ for all $a \in R$.
- (3) \mathcal{F} is prime Boolean filter.

Proof. (1) \Rightarrow (2): Let us assume \mathcal{F} is a maximal filter of R. Suppose $a \in R - \mathcal{F}$ that is $a \notin \mathcal{F}$ then $A(\mathcal{F} \lor [a), R) > 0$ which implies $x \land a = 0$ we get $A(0, x \land a) = A(x \land a, 0) = 1$ for any $x \in \mathcal{F}$. Hence $A(a^* \land x, x) = A(x, a^* \land x) = 1$ such that $x \leq a^*$. Therefore $a^* \in \mathcal{F}$. (2) \Rightarrow (3): Let $a \in R$. Suppose $a \lor a^* \notin \mathcal{F}$. Then it is clear that $a \notin \mathcal{F}$ and $a^* \notin \mathcal{F}$, which is a contradiction. Therefore $a \lor a^* \in \mathcal{F}$. Hence \mathcal{F} is a Boolean filter of R. Let $a, b \in R$ with $a \lor b \in \mathcal{F}$. If $a \notin \mathcal{F}$ for all $a \in R$. Such that,

$$A(a^* \land b, b) = A(0 \lor (a^* \land b), b)$$

= $A((a^* \land a) \lor (a^* \land b), b)$
= $A(a^* \land (a \lor b), b)$
= $A(a^* \land b, b)$
= $A(b, b) = 1 > 0.$

Since $A(a^* \land b, b) = A(b, a^* \land b) = 1$ we have $a^* \land b \le b$. Hence $b \in \mathcal{F}$. Therefore, \mathcal{F} is a prime Boolean filter of R.

 $(3) \Rightarrow (1)$: Let us assume \mathcal{F} is a prime Boolean filter of R. Consider \mathcal{F} is not maximal, then there exists a proper filter \mathcal{F}' of R such that $\mathcal{F} \subsetneq \mathcal{F}'$. Choose $a \in \mathcal{F}' - \mathcal{F}$. Since \mathcal{F} is Boolean, we get $a \lor a^* \in \mathcal{F}$. Hence \mathcal{F} is prime and $a \notin \mathcal{F}$, we get $a^* \in \mathcal{F} \subsetneq \mathcal{F}'$. We can conclude that $A(x \land x^*, 0) = A(0, x \land x^*) = 1 > 0$. Hence $x \land x^* = 0$. Such that $x \land x^* \in \mathcal{F}'$ we get $0 \in \mathcal{F}'$ which is a contradiction. Therefore, \mathcal{F} is a maximal filter. **Theorem 3.9.** Let (R, A) be a PCADFL and \mathcal{F}, G be two filters of PCADFL. Such that $A(\mathcal{F}, G) > 0$. If \mathcal{F} is a Boolean filter then so is G.

Proof. Let \mathcal{F} be a Boolean filter of PCADFL. Assume that *G* is any filter of *R* with $\mathcal{F} \subseteq G$. We prove that *G* is a Boolean filter of *R*. Clearly, we have $a \lor a^* \in \mathcal{F}$ for all $a \in R$. Since $\mathcal{F} \subseteq G$ we get $A(\mathcal{F}, G) > 0$. Therefore $a \lor a^* \in G$, for all $a \in R$. Hence *G* is a Boolean filter of *R*.

The Boolean filters are characterized in the following theorem.

Theorem 3.10. Let \mathcal{F} be a proper filter of a PCADFL. Then the following conditions are equivalent.

- (1) \mathcal{F} is a Boolean filter.
- (2) $a^{**} \in \mathcal{F}$ implies $a \in \mathcal{F}$.
- (3) For $a, b \in R$, $A(b^*, a^*) = A(a^*, b^*) = 1$ and $a \in \mathcal{F}$ imply $b \in \mathcal{F}$.

Proof. (1) \Rightarrow (2): Let us consider \mathcal{F} is a Boolean filter of R. Suppose $a^{**} \in \mathcal{F}$. Since \mathcal{F} is a Boolean filter of PCADFL, we get $a \lor a^* \in \mathcal{F}$. Such that,

$$A(a, (a \lor a^{*}) \land a^{**}) = A(a, (a^{**} \land a) \lor (a^{*} \land a^{**}))$$

= $A(a, (a \land a) \lor ((a^{*} \land a^{**}))$
= $A(a, a \lor ((a^{*} \land a^{**})))$
= $A(a, a \lor (0 \land a^{**}))$
= $A(a, a \lor (0 \land a))$
= $A(a, a \lor 0)$
= $A((a, a)) = 1 > 0.$

Since $a^{**} \in \mathcal{F}$. Therefore $a \in \mathcal{F}$.

(2) \Rightarrow (3): Let $a, b \in R$ and $a^* = b^*$ such that $A(a^*, b^*) = A(b^*, a^*) = 1 > 0$. Suppose $a \in \mathcal{F}$, then $a^{**} = b^{**} \in \mathcal{F}$. Hence by the condition (2) it follows that $a \in \mathcal{F}$.

 $(3) \Rightarrow (1)$: Assume that the condition (3). We prove that \mathcal{F} is a Boolean filter of R. For that it is enough to prove that $\mathcal{D} \subseteq \mathcal{F}$ as we get $A(\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{F}) > 0$. Let $a \in \mathcal{D}$. Then for any $x \in \mathcal{F}$, $a^* = 0 \le x^*$ if and only if $A(0, x^*) > 0$ by antisymmetry property of A. For any $x^{**} \in \mathcal{F}$, then $x^{**} \le a^{**}$ if and only if $A(x^{**}, a^{**}) > 0$ by antisymmetry property of A. Hence $a^{**} \in \mathcal{F}$. Since $a^{**} = a$ and by the condition (3), we get $a \in \mathcal{F}$. Hence $\mathcal{D} \subseteq \mathcal{F}$. Since \mathcal{D} is a Boolean filter, by theorem 3.9, we get that \mathcal{F} is a Boolean filter of PCADFL.

Now, we derive some results of homomorphic images in Boolean filters of PCADFLs. By a fuzzy lattice homomorphism f on a pseudo-complemented ADFL, we mean a bounded fuzzy lattice homomorphism which also preserves the pseudo-complementation, that is $A(f(a^*), f(a)^*) > 0$, for all $a \in R$.

Theorem 3.11. Let $(R, \lor, \land, \ast, 0, 1)$ and $(R', \lor, \land, \ast, 0', 1')$ be any two PCADFLs and ψ a fuzzy lattice homomorphism from *R* onto *R'* if and only if it satisfies the following conditions.

(1) $\psi(\mathcal{F})$ is a Boolean filter of R' whenever \mathcal{F} is a Boolean filter of R.

(2) $\psi^{-1}(G)$ is a Boolean filter of *R* whenever *G* is a Boolean filter of *R'*.

Proof. (1). Let \mathcal{F} is a Boolean filter of R. It is known that $\psi(\mathcal{F})$ is a filter of R'. Suppose $b \in R'$. Since ψ is onto, there exists $a \in R$ such that $A(\psi(a), b) > 0$. Since \mathcal{F} is a Boolean filter of R, we get $a \lor a^* \in \mathcal{F}$. Let $b = \psi(a)$, such that

$$A(b \lor b^*, \psi(a \lor a^*)) = A(\psi(a) \lor (\psi(a))^*, \psi(a \lor a^*))$$
$$= A(\psi(a) \lor \psi(a^*), \psi(a \lor a^*))$$
$$= A(\psi(a \lor a^*), \psi(a \lor a^*))$$
$$= 1 > 0.$$

Therefore $\psi(\mathcal{F})$ is a Boolean filter of R'.

(2). Suppose *G* be a Boolean filter of *R'*. It is known that $\psi^{-1}(G)$ is a filter of *R*. Let $a \in R$. Then $A(\psi(a \lor a^*), \psi(a) \lor \psi(a)^*) = A(\psi(a) \lor \psi(a^*), \psi(a) \lor \psi(a)^*) = A(\psi(a) \lor \psi(a) \lor \psi(a)^*) = A(\psi(a) \lor \psi(a) \lor \psi$

Let (R, A) be a PCADFL and \mathcal{F} a filter in R. A fuzzy congruence relation $\psi_{\mathcal{F}}$ is defined by $(a, b) \in \psi_{\mathcal{F}}$ if there exists $f \in \mathcal{F}$ such that $A(a \wedge f, b \wedge f) > 0$. Then the relation R onto R' then the set $R/\psi_{\mathcal{F}} = \{a/\psi_{\mathcal{F}} | a \in R\}$. It is well-known that the elements of \mathcal{F} are all congruent under $\psi_{\mathcal{F}}$ and the equivalence class of \mathcal{F} is the largest element in $R/\psi_{\mathcal{F}}$. It is also clear that $R/\psi_{\mathcal{F}}$ is a PCADFL.

Now, Boolean filters of PCADFL are characterized in terms of fuzzy congruence $\psi_{\mathcal{F}}$.

Theorem 3.12. Let (R, A) be a PCADFL and \mathcal{F} be a filter of R if and only if the following conditions are equivalent:

(1) \mathcal{F} is a Boolean filter of R.

(2) $R/\psi_{\mathcal{F}}$ is a Boolean algebra.

Proof. (1) \Rightarrow (2): Let us assume that \mathcal{F} is a Boolean filter of R. For any $a \in R$, we have $a \wedge a^* = 0$. such that $A(0, a \wedge a^*) = A(0, a/\psi_{\mathcal{F}} \wedge a^*/\psi_{\mathcal{F}}) = A(0, (a \wedge a^*)/\psi_{\mathcal{F}}) = A(0, 0/\psi_{\mathcal{F}}) = A(0, 0) = 1$. Since \mathcal{F} is a Boolean filter, we get that $a \vee a^* \in \mathcal{F}$. Such that $A(a/\psi_{\mathcal{F}}, a/\psi_{\mathcal{F}} \vee a^*/\psi_{\mathcal{F}}) = A(a/\psi_{\mathcal{F}}, (a \vee a^*)/\psi_{\mathcal{F}}) = A(a/\psi_{\mathcal{F}}, a/\psi_{\mathcal{F}}) = 1 > 0$ is the largest element of $R/\psi_{\mathcal{F}}$. Therefore, $R/\psi_{\mathcal{F}}$ is a Boolean algebra.

 $(2) \Rightarrow (1)$: Assume that $R/\psi_{\mathcal{F}}$ is a Boolean algebra. Let $a \in R$. Then $, a/\psi_{\mathcal{F}} \in R$. Since $R/\psi_{\mathcal{F}}$ is a Boolean algebra, there exists $b \in R$ such that $A(a \land b, 0) = A(a/\psi_{\mathcal{F}} \land b/\psi_{\mathcal{F}}, 0) = A((a \land b)/\psi_{\mathcal{F}}, 0) = A(0/\psi_{\mathcal{F}}, 0) = A(0,0) = 1 > 0$. Consequently $(a \lor b)/\psi_{\mathcal{F}} = a/\psi_{\mathcal{F}} \lor b/\psi_{\mathcal{F}}$ is the largest element of $R/\psi_{\mathcal{F}}$. Hence $(a \land b, 0) \in \psi_{\mathcal{F}}$ and $a \lor b \in \mathcal{F}$. Since $(a \land b, 0) \in \psi_{\mathcal{F}}$, there exists $f \in \mathcal{F}$ such that $A(a \land b \land f, 0) > 0$ and thus we get $b \land f \leq a^*$ if and only if $A(b \land f, a^*) > 0$ for $f \in \mathcal{F}$. Therefore, $a \lor b \in \mathcal{F}$ and $f \in \mathcal{F}$

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$$A((a \lor b) \land f, (a \lor a^*)) = A((a \land f) \lor (b \land f), (a \lor a^*))$$

= $A((a \land f) \lor a^*, a \lor a^*)$
= $A((a \lor a^*) \land (f \lor a^*), a \lor a^*)$
= $A((a \lor a^*) \land (f \lor 0), a \lor a^*)$
= $A((a \lor a^*) \land f, a \lor a^*)$
= $A(a \lor a^*, a \lor a^*) = 1 > 0.$

Hence $a \lor a^* \in \mathcal{F}$. Therefore, \mathcal{F} is a Boolean filter of R.

4. Conclusion

In this paper, we extend the concept of Boolean filters to a PCADFL. Some important necessary and sufficient conditions are established. We have shown that the dense set is the smallest Boolean filter of PCADFL. It is also observed that a Boolean filter is any prime filter of a relatively complemented PCADFL. Finally, in terms of fuzzy congruences, we eventually defined the Boolean filters. In general, it is also possible to extend fuzzy congruences in PCADFL.

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